

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	18616	Agenda Number	96.
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Meeting Date:	9/27/2012	Department:	Austin Energy
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Subject

Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings for the construction of the 138 kV Gilleland to Techridge Transmission Line Project to acquire a 7.46 acre electric easement out of the William Caldwell Survey Number 66, Abstract Number 162, Travis County, Texas in the amount of \$152,931.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
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Prior Council Action:	April 29, 2010 - Approved resolutions authorizing filing of eminent domain proceedings to acquire five tracts of land for this easement; February 4, 2010 - Authorized purchase of two tracts of land for this easement.
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For More Information:	Dan Smith, Interim Vice President, Electric Service Delivery; Elaine Kelly-Diaz, Manager, ESD Support Services, 322-6667; Sonny Poole, Manager, Public Involvement and Real Estate, 322-6442.
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Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission.
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Additional Backup Information

Austin Energy must acquire 100-foot wide electrical easements for the construction of a 138 kV transmission circuit for the "Gilleland to Techridge Transmission Line." The new transmission line is needed to deliver reliable electric service to meet a growing demand. This new transmission line will relieve the overburden on the Austrop Substation by sharing load with the Gilleland and Techridge Substations.

The owner of the needed property interest is TRAVIS COUNTY. The property is located in the Northeast Metro Park in Travis County, Texas. The general route of the project runs from the Gilleland Substation located northeast of the intersection of SH 130 and Cameron Road, westward along and parallel to the south boundary of the LCRA transmission line easement to Immanuel Drive.

Austin Energy has attempted to purchase the needed permanent electric easement. Austin Energy and the property

owner were unable to agree on the value of the needed acquisition. The Law Department is requesting authorization to file an action in eminent domain on behalf of the City of Austin.